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New Committee for International Veterinary Opportunities (CIVO)

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A new organization has emerged to meet the increasing demand and need for international opportunities during students' veterinary education. The Committee for International Veterinary Opportunities (CIVO) is a service committee consisting of student representatives and faculty members. The committee's main goals are increasing student awareness of international opportunities, acting as a central source for that information through creating and collecting brochures to be placed into an international veterinary opportunities catalogue, fundraising, and expanding opportunities by establishing new global programs. The students involved are interviewing specific faculty members about programs, selection criteria, application processes, and other information.

Student and faculty interest surprised everyone, especially the new president, Tanja Molby, VM2. Currently, 35 students and 17 faculty members are participating in the committee, and the numbers are expected to grow rapidly.

Originally from Germany, Tanja said, "The growing need for international opportunities and increased student interest compelled me to look further to see what I could do to help. It's going to be a challenge to get this together, but all the work is going to be very important and rewarding, especially for future veterinary students."

The Public Relations chairs, Lisa De Nault and Alicia Wisnewski, both VM2s, Shari Silverman, VM1 Representative, and Michelle O'Gara, VM3 Representative, are organizing an International Opportunities Fair to be held on Thursday, April 23, 1998, from 11 AM to 3 PM at the College of Veterinary Medicine. This event is sponsored in part by Hills and will be open for all students and community veterinarians. Dr.

Kluge, the committee's faculty chair, characterizes the rising increase in international interests as just part of the direction veterinary medicine in general is heading. Even though the committee's main focus presently is to add to student opportunities and enhance active participation, it hopes to expand in the future to include continuing education international opportunities for practicing veterinarians. ♦

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